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February 29, 2008

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COUNTERFEIT GOODS STATUS REPORT NO. 2

On July 3, 2007, your Board instructed the Chief Executive Office to convene a Task Force of County Departments involved in land use, code enforcement, nuisance abatement, and business license activities, including, but not limited, to the Sheriff, Regional Planning, Public Works, Treasurer and Tax Collector, Health Services, Mental Health, Fire, the District Attorney and County Counsel, for the purpose of examining the County's ability to conduct enforcement activities against the manufacture, distribution, and sale of counterfeit goods in Los Angeles County. The Task Force was further instructed to consult on this matter with appropriate officials from the Cities of Los Angeles and New York and to report back with a proposed enforcement program, including any recommended regulatory or statutory changes.

On December 4, 2007, our status report indicated that we would be working towards finalizing a Los Angeles County Counterfeit Goods Nuisance Abatement Ordinance to submit to the Board for approval and implementation by the appropriate code enforcement departments including Sheriff, District Attorney, Public Works, Regional Planning, Public Health, Fire, and Treasurer and Tax Collector. The ordinance would declare any real property being used for the manufacture, distribution, and sale of counterfeit goods occurring on a property in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County, a nuisance and subject to civil penalties and abatement. It is the intention of County Counsel and my Office to file this ordinance for approval in April 2008.

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Additionally, the District Attorney has drafted legislation modeled after the statewide New York program that would combat counterfeit goods activities which would include authorization to initiate nuisance abatement and unlawful detainer actions. Additional legislation would consider, and if appropriate, increase criminal penalties for repeat offenders. The District Attorney is finalizing these proposed additions to the California's Business and Professions Code and the Penal Code and will be seeking legislative sponsorship for both Code amendments.

If you have any questions regarding the status report, please feel free to contact me or Dorothea Park at (213) 974-4283, or via e-mail at dpark@ceo.lacounty.gov.

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